

## SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY PROCEEDINGS.

During the month of December the following meetings of the San Francisco County Medical Society were held:

### Section on Medicine, Tuesday, December 6, 1910.

- 1—Presentation of Case, Wm. C. Voorsanger.
- 2—Demonstration of Two Cases, Milton Abrahamson. Discussed by Drs. McClenahan, Welty, Hyman, Voorsanger, Abrahamson.
- 3—Presentation of Cases of Leutic Joint Troubles, Samuel J. Hunkin.
- 4—Presentation of Case, Cullen F. Welty.

### Annual Meeting, Tuesday, December 13, 1910.

- 1—President's Annual Address, Langley Porter.
- 2—Secretary's Report, René Bine.
- 3—Reports of Committees.
  - a—Finance Committee.
  - b—Committee on Medical Ethics.
  - c—Executive Committee.
  - d—Committee on Public Health.
  - e—Committee on Library and Publications.
  - f—Committee on Admissions.
  - g—Milk Commission.
  - h—Committee on Necrology.
  - i—Committee on Poliomyelitis.
  - j—Committee on Contract Practice.
- 4—A Preliminary Report on the Use of 606, Howard Morrow. Discussed by Drs. Keck, Houston, Morrow.

### Section on Surgery, Tuesday, December 20, 1910.

- 1—A Brief Consideration of the Surgical Treatment of Hyperthyroidism, Wallace I. Terry. Discussed by Drs. Rixford, Farnum, Rothganger, Terry.
- 2—Muscle Plastic for Incontinent Sphincter Ani, with Demonstration of Patient, Alfred Newman. Discussed by Drs. Zobel, Brunn, Rixford, Sherman, Hunkin, Newman.

During the month of December the following were elected to membership: R. B. Tupper, F. R. Mugler, R. L. Ochsner, E. I. Leavitt, W. C. Dawson, Chas. E. Taylor, L. A. Craig, R. McW. O'Neal, H. B. Graham, Bertram Stone, G. W. Hartman.

The following reports were among those made at the annual meeting:

### President's Address.

By **LANGLEY PORTER, M. D., San Francisco.**

In rising to address you, fellow-members of the San Francisco County Medical Society, on this the last time that I can act as your chosen president, my first and most pleasant duty is to thank you for the confidence you have reposed in me and the honor you have conferred upon me through your Board of Directors, and for the courtesy and friendliness with which you, as a society in meeting assembled, have accepted the rulings of the chair. No matter what may eventuate in years to come, this will ever be to me the most memorable year of my life and one that I feel has obligated me to this Society for the rest of my life, and with deep emotion I thank you once more.

Not only are my thanks due to the members of the Society for their confidence, but to the members of the Board of Directors and of the different standing committees for their earnest, self-sacrificing devotion

to the interests of the Society. At no meeting of the Board was a quorum absent and there was rarely less than sixteen members present at meetings. You will hear from the chairmen of the different standing committees reports as to the work done.

The work of the Executive Committee has been of exceeding value to the members and I feel that the provision of section work and of weekly meetings has been a step of incalculable advantage to the health and vigor of the Society, and the support engendered and interest aroused is a tribute to the determination of the members to make the meetings really of mutual benefit.

Notable papers have been presented and case demonstrations made in so thorough and illuminating a manner that the members of the Society have no need to be ashamed of its programs when compared to those of any other medical society wherever situated. It is planned that in the future there shall be occasional exchanges of programs between this Society and our sister societies in Alameda and Los Angeles, each providing the other with a program.

You chose for your secretary a man, the administration of whose office speaks for itself. He accepted the office at a time when the effect of our losses of 1906 had come to bear most heavily in a quite considerable burden of debt. So much so, that plans for bonding and borrowing were considered by the directors and rejected. To-day, after a year of Dr. Bine's unremitting labor, the Society is out of debt, and with an increasing membership it would seem that the financial future is assured and that in the not too far distant future we will again have a reserve fund.

The directors have felt that the purposes of the Society were more than purely intellectual, and it was decided to attempt a stimulation of the social side of medical life. To this end a committee, with Dr. Kugeler as chairman, was appointed to arrange the first annual dinner, which was held with an attendance of one hundred and twenty members, about one-fourth of the whole membership. Those who came appeared to enjoy themselves, and those who stayed away I hope regretted it sufficiently to put in an appearance next year.

A committee headed by one, who through many years of active life has devoted much time and thought to the welfare of your Society, Dr. C. G. Kenyon, has been working on a plan for housing the Society in a fitting manner. This plan will be presented to you, and even if it should fail to receive your endorsement, the labors of Dr. Kenyon and his committee place the Society under great obligation.

The Public Health Committee, following the suggestion of the American Medical Association, have arranged for popular lectures on medical subjects and are planning for a mass meeting to urge, before the influential laymen of this city, the advantages to their nation, the state and especially to San Francisco, that will follow the adoption of the Owen Law or some other similar statute, and the establishment of a properly authorized national department of health.

As this has not been a year of activity of the State Legislature your Committee on Legislation has